

A RESOLUTION BY THE STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD OF GEORGIA 1999

COACH JIMMY SMITH HIGHWAY — DESIGNATED.

WHEREAS, James Randolph Smith, Sr., who was born and lived his entire life in Lincoln County, Georgia, was a middle school and high school coach; and

WHEREAS, Coach Jimmy Smith was an inspiration to all whose lives he touched and the lessons he taught in the last 20 years of his life are still an inspiration; and

WHEREAS, he took the positive step on June 1, 1979 to not consume alcohol and he kept his promise to his death on December 10, 1998; and

WHEREAS, he shared his experiences to help others of all ages, and particularly young people, encouraging them to live full and productive lives; and

WHEREAS, he tirelessly worked speaking at conventions, schools, churches and prisons to help others to find the new happiness he found later in his life; and

WHEREAS, he shared his message of hope not only with the people of Georgia but took his message all over the United States as well as Canada; and

WHEREAS, Coach Jimmy Smith was an outstanding Georgian, a great American and an inspiration to others.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the portion of U.S. 378, from the Lincolnton City limits to the South Carolina border, be named the "Coach Jimmy Smith Highway."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting, a suitable copy provided to the Smith Family and the Commissioner of Transportation be instructed to install appropriate signs designating this facility.

Adopted this the 15th day of April, 1999.